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SUBJECT: JANATA MP ALLEGES CIA-GOI PACT

1. DURING THE COURSE OF A NEWS CONFERENCE MAY 7, JANATA MP DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY REPORTEDLY ALLEGED THAT IN 1959 INDIAN PRIME MINISTER NEHRU SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CIA WHEREBY THE AGENCY AGREED TO ARM AND TRAIN MEMBERS OF THE KHAMPA TRIBE, INHABITANTS OF THE INDO-TIBETAN BORDER REGION. THE AGREEMENT, UNDER WHICH, ACCORDING TO SWAMY, KHAMPAS RECEIVED TRAINING IN THE US, WAS BROKEN (AND PRESUMABLY TERMINATED) BY PRESIDENT NIXON'S 1969 (SIC) VISIT TO CHINA. SWAMY APPARENTLY OFFERED NO EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT HOPED TO ACHIEVE.

2. COMMENT: SWAMY'S OFTEN OFF-BEAT OPINIONS HAVE EARNED HIM THE REPUTATION OF A MAVERICK. THIS NEWS CONFERENCE PRESENTED HIM AN OPPORTUNITY FURTHER DEVELOP TWO OF HIS FAVORITE THEMES: THE MISDEEDS OF THE NEHRU FAMILY AND THE UBIQUITY OF THE CIA. IF ASKED, WE WILL TELL THE PRESS THAT THE EMBASSY NEVER COMMENTS ON ALLEGATIONS OF THIS KIND.

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